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# The Voice

## Algona High School Band Day

Scott Haas

Algona's Band Day took place last Saturday, October 1st. Band Day is a competition where bands from around the state come to compete in parade and field marching competitions.

The day started off with the 61st annual parade, featuring 20 bands from middle to high school and over 130 other entries.

After the parade, awards were given to the bands for how they placed within their class. In middle school 1A competition, Bishop Garrigan placed first. In middle school 2A, Pocahon-

tas Area/Pomeroy-Palmer placed first. In middle school 3A, Humboldt placed first.

In the high school competition in 1A, first place went to Bishop Garrigan. In 2A, first place went to Sheldon. In 3A, Algona took first place.

In the evening the 31st annual Band Day field competition included 14 bands performing their field shows. Each band was judged by five different adjudicators who critiqued their performance. Awards were given at the end to the best band in each class, best color

guard, best drumline, best wind section, best drum major, best marching technique, and the Sweepstakes award. The sweepstakes award is awarded to the band with the most points using the formula of 100 percent of the field show and 20 percent of the parade show.

The results were: in 1A first place band went to Bishop Garrigan, 2A first went to Sheldon, and 3A first place went to LeMars High School. The special awards went to LeMars for the best winds, Algona for the best drums and best color guard,

Sheldon for best marching, Forest City for the best drum major, and the Sweepstakes Award went to Algona High School.

When asked about the band's performances at Band Day, Mr. Kissinger said, "I was very pleased with both performances the band put on. A high placement is just icing on the cake."

The band's next performance is on Saturday, October 8, in Fort Dodge, for the State competition.

## Jacob Lampman

Katie Riley

Jacob Lampman was born on February 26, 1994, in Des Moines, Iowa. He is 17 years old and is a senior at Algona High School. Jacob is the son of Jim and Jill Lampman. Jacob has one brother and one sister, twins, Joshua and Jessica Lampman. Joshua and Jessica are freshmen at Algona High School.

Jacob transferred to AHS from W-CL-T this school year. Jacob is a member of band. Jacob said, "I really enjoy this school. Everyone I have met and are friends with at AHS are super nice." Jacob says that his favorite thing about AHS is that it's big compared to W-

CL-T, which was very small. Jacob's favorite class is Physics and his favorite teacher is Mr. Fogarty.

Jacob has a job at the Titonka Food Center. Some activities Jacob likes to do in his free time are playing his guitar and baking. Jacob also enjoys reading novels and hanging out with his friends.

He also loves to make his friends and people around him laugh and he is a very happy person. Another interesting fact about Jacob is that on nights of home volleyball games, he loves to dress up as the banana in the Dawg Pound.

Right: Katlyn  
Loeschen marches in  
the Band Day parade.



Be sure to tell Jacob  
"hi" the next time you see  
him.



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## UNI All-State camp

MaKayla Metzger

On October 2nd and 3rd, 10 AHS students went to UNI for an All-State camp. These 10 students included: Scott Haas (Tenor 1), MaKayla Metzger (Alto 2), Emily Banwart (Alto 2), Alex Harms (Bass 2), Nicole Kenne (Alto 1), Krystyna Diggins (Soprano 1), Bethany Laddusaw (Alto 2), Meredith Politte (Soprano 2), Joanna Wilson (Soprano 1), and Braden Menke (Bass 1).

The purpose of the camp was to help students who have chosen to go

through the process of auditioning for All-State.

At the end of the camp, on Monday, there was a concert in the Great Hall featuring all the students who attended the camp, the UNI Concert Chorale, and four seniors who auditioned for and won scholarships at UNI while at the camp. Mr. Kelley says, "After preparing the All-State repertoire, it was exciting to see it performed in concert before the auditions."



Above: The students who went to the All-State camp pose for a picture while at UNI.

## Dirtin' it up

Taylor Setzer

The sophomore Ag students from the Natural Resource class, about 24 students, took part in soil judging on Friday, September 23.

The students traveled to the Iowa Lakes Community College farm to learn about soil. Jordan Lee enjoyed the day very much, "I dig soil! It is so much fun to learn about!"

The students learned about the different layers, texture, thickness, and what different soils look like. Each participant filled out surveys to help them learn about the characteristics.

The class will have another chance to learn at the farm later on this year, performing the same tasks.



Above: Model UN students who traveled to the Iowa Youth Symposium pose for a picture.

## Out to solve worldly problems

Janet Hofmann

Model United Nations is an organization created by the United Nations Association of the United States of America. Model U.N. is a simulation of the UN General Assembly.

Students involved in this activity act as ambassadors of other nations, writing speeches, preparing draft resolutions, and resolving conflicts on chosen topics. This year's topics include deforestation, encour-

aging entrepreneurship in developing countries, food security, and intervention in foreign internal conflicts.

On September 28th, the Algona High School's Model U.N. club attended the Iowa Youth Symposium Regional Conference. Students who received Outstanding Delegate honors were Nick Bitz, Breanna Johnson, Alex Harms, and Scott Haas. Chosen as Outstanding Alternates were

Elijah Banwart and Mike Etler. These chosen students will be attending the Pre-Plenary Session of the Iowa Youth Symposium on October 18th in Des Moines.

Other students involved in Model U.N. include Liz Burtis, Emily Drusch, Braden Menke, Jonathan Wichtendahl, Ray Chihak, Austin Burton, Evan O'Donnell, Jack Ralls, and Becca Voss.

All participants in

Model U.N. will attend the Youth Symposium on October 19th, where they will prepare resolutions on each topic that will be presented to Governor Branstad. They will then be forwarded to the U.S. delegates of the U.N.

The Model U.N. sponsor is Mrs. Hanson, who said, "We have a lot of new members this year, and they did a great job at their first conference."



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## Another new face

Kling King

Berit Kleuluer is one of two foreign exchange students from Germany who is attending Algona High. Berit is staying with the Engen family. At AHS, she is currently out for volleyball.

Berit was born on May 30, 1996. Her and her family live in the town of Nordstemmen, and she attends high school there.

Berit has a loving family which consists of her father, Erich, who is a farmer; her mother, Margiet, who is a teacher; and her older brother, Gunnar.

In Germany she is involved in tennis, volleyball, playing piano, and horse back riding. She loves animals and owns two dogs, a horse, and chickens. She enjoys snowboarding in the mountains. In the summer,



she helps her father pick strawberries.

She came to America to learn the culture. Berit would much rather eat German food than American food. She hates the way Americans drive, "Americans drive too slow. I hate it!" She is used to driving in Germany where they can drive as fast as they want.

Be sure to say "hi" or "hallo" to Berit the next time you see her!

## Trout fishing trip

Colbi Culpepper

The AHS Outdoors Club is planning a trip to Decorah, Iowa, on Saturday, October 8th. The bus will be leaving that day at 6:00 AM sharp! Students who are 16 or older must have a valid fishing license and have paid the trout fee.

They will have a food committee who is in charge of grocery shopping for the food. The students will be cooking at the same spot they will be fishing. They plan to return to the high school around 8:00 PM that night.

Money was raised by the concession stands for the transportation of the

trip. The students only have to pay for license and trout fees if they are 16 or older. The cost is \$22.50 + \$9.00 trout fee. If you're under 16, there is no fee.

Outdoors Club members needed to be signed up by October 3rd, by 3pm, on Connick's door.

Students need to bring their own supplies on the trip. If some students do not have any supplies, Mr. Connick & Mr. Young will help cover them. Mr. Young says, "In the past this has been a great trip with beautiful scenery. Going fishing beats working."

## Say cheese!

Celeste Smith

It comes every year and students have been doing it since Kindergarten. You know, getting a stub with your name on it, waiting in line, making sure your hair falls just right. Yes, Picture Day has come and gone again.

While this year may or may not be your best picture remember, the braces, pimples, glasses, or several people may like their younger pictures better. Maddie Meyer says, "My favorite picture is from sixth grade because I loved the shirt I wore." If you looked absolutely horrible, retakes will be around the corner, be sure to listen to the announcements. Pictures may not be a favorite of students, but it still has to be done.

Senior photos are a long tradition for high

school students all around the nation. Some of the places in Algona that take senior pictures are Portraits by Michelle, Bradley Jensen Photography, Lyntronix, Infinity Photography by Maleri Jo, along with several others. Rachel Hamilton says, "Taking senior pictures is bitter-sweet and brings tears to my eyes... It's hard to believe I'm now a woman."

Senior pictures are a fun way to document growing up in the world and of course the crazy last year of high school. Seniors need two vertical pictures to Mrs. Spear by December 21st if you want your picture in the yearbook and newspaper! You can drop off two wallets by her room or have your photographer email her a picture.



Above: The offensive line is ready to attack Nevada.

Photo by Jim Gale

## Dolphin Tale

Jessica Mueller

*Dolphin Tale* is about a dolphin who had gotten caught in a crab trap and severely damaged her tail. As she had been taken to Clearwater Marine Hospital to be taken care of, the biologist said she needed a tail to be able to swim in the ocean again. They found a prosthetics doctor to try and make a tail for Winter. Sam Nickel said, "I thought it was a good movie. It was better in 3D." Watch to see if Winter survives.

*Dolphin Tale* is rated a 5.5. Nathan Gamble plays Sawyer Nelson, the boy who finds the dolphin, and Ashley Judd plays Lorianne

Nelson, Sawyer's mom in the movie. The marine biologist is played by Harry Connick, Jr., and is named Dr. Clay Haskett in the movie. Cozi Zuehlsdorff plays Hazel Haskett, the marine biologist's daughter. Phoebe, played by Austin Highsmith, works with Winter as she tries to recover from her injury.

*Dolphin Tale* is based on the true story of Winter, a bottlenose dolphin. Winter lives in Florida. She has inspired many people and many will come from around the world to go visit her at Clearwater Marine Hospital.

## Coach's corner

Mike Vandy

On this week's Coach's Corner, the highlighted coach is none other than AHS head football coach, Eric Bormann. Bormann has been a coach for 11 years altogether and has been head coach for two years at AHS. He is an alumni of Algona and is a former player at AHS and COE College, where he lettered for both schools.

Bormann has a lovely family including his wife, his two sons, and his two daughters. His idol is his father. His favorite quote, which he carries into football as well as life, is effort.

His best coaching moment is seeing the Bulldogs improve every week and seeing them work hard. Bormann's favorite game was when he was a sophomore at COE and they faced Simpson, which happened

to be Bormann's first varsity start. His future goal is to keep improving AHS football.

Many students and athletes look up to Coach Bormann. Gregg Wellman said, "With Eric's work ethic and attitude, it is a really fun environment to work in." Chandler Holmes comments, "I'm stronger than Bormann." And Blake Bradley adds, "Bormann's a great coach who's easy to work with. If you never anger him, that is a big bonus (ha ha)."

Coach Bormann leads the Dogs this week against Ballard. Good luck to the coach and the rest of the Dogs.

## Archery season

AJ Wagner

Archery season came up fast for the deer hunters who want a challenge. The early season started on October 1st, which happened to be last Saturday. It will end on December 2nd, just before shotgun season starts. The later season starts December 19th and ends January 10th, which is when late muzzleloader starts.

Make sure that you stop at Hy-Vee or K-Mart be-

fore you go out and get your hunting license and pay the habitat fee. If you're wondering how much it costs: a hunting license is \$19, the habitat fee is \$13, and a deer tag is \$28.50. Make sure you get the right deer tag for the right seasons. You can shoot one deer with a bow and later on get a gun tag.

Curtis Becker says, "I'm excited for the hours to come in the stand!"

## UARS crashes

## back to Earth

Megan Crosser

NASA's satellite, the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, fell back to Earth on September 23rd or 24th between 11:23 P.M. and 1:09 A.M. This satellite has been up in space for twenty years and nine days. It was launched on September 12th, 1991, on mission STS-48.

This satellite was only on a fourteen year mission and ended its life in 2005. It found some of the first chemicals in the atmosphere to be recorded and

also gathered data about how much light comes from the sun. The satellite lasted eleven years longer than expected and still had some fuel left, which helped it stay on a decaying orbit.

On its way back to Earth, the satellite passed over Africa, to the Indian Ocean, to the Pacific Ocean, across Canada, across the Northern Atlantic Ocean, and back towards Africa. It was said that the satellite could possibly land in the U.S. "It would have been scary if it landed in the U.S.," said Courtney Ophelm.

The main landing of the satellite was in the ocean but also over Northern Canada and West Africa. The satellite broke into at least twenty five pieces and those pieces spread over at least five hundred miles wide. This is said to be the largest satellite to fall back to Earth. There has been no reports of damage or injury.





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## Looking for another W

Dylan Cink

The Algona Bulldogs' football team is now 1-5. Their first win was against Hampton Dumont. Then they traveled to Nevada and couldn't come away with a win.

Against Hampton Dumont, the guys were all set and pumped up for the game. The team knew it was a must win because it was their Homecoming game. The morning of the game, the team's seniors went around to each elementary school and helped host a pep rally. This was a fun experience for both the young kids and the players themselves.

Some highlights of the Homecoming game were 10 tackles by Mitchell Erpelding, a 10 yard rushing touchdown by Sawyer Frideres, and a 1 yard

rushing touchdown by quarterback Derek Person.

The next game for the team was on Friday, September 30th, at Nevada High School. The team came up short, with a 28-6 loss. Derek Person had a 1 yard rushing touchdown for the Bulldogs' only points. The team gave up all 28 points in the second quarter of play. Derek Person talks about the game, saying, "It was disappointing, but this week we will be ready to go."

Ballard travels to Algona on Friday, October 7th, to take on the Bulldogs on their home turf at 7:30 p.m. Ballard comes into the game with a 2-4 record. The game should be a good one to watch, and the guys would like to see many people at the game to support them.



Left: Jade Simpson and Tawny Schultz go up for a block against Clarion.

Photo by Jim Gale

## Standing strong

Kuleen Parsons

The Algona Bulldogs' volleyball team has been working their way towards the end of their season. Their record was 18-7, but due to their loss to Webster City on September 29, they are now 18-8.

The volleyball team won on Thursday, September 27, against Eagle Grove. The varsity team won all three of the games. Tawny Schultz led in kills with seven. Rachel Teague added in five ace serves.

They held a pink out game against Webster City on September 29th, and lost three straight games. Jade Simpson led in kills with nine, followed by Tawny

Schultz with four. Ali Grein states, "The game was a challenge."

The upcoming games include a triangular at Fort Dodge against Fort Dodge and Saint Eds on October 6. The next home game for the Bulldogs will be against Clear Lake on October 13. That weekend, on Saturday, October 15, the Algona Invitational volleyball tournament will be at home. On October 18th, a home game against Iowa Falls Alden will be taking place, so come join the crowd.

Post season play for AHS volleyball begins Monday, October 24th.

## Making laps

Rachel Feuring

On September 17th, the Algona High Girls' Swim Team competed at the Charles City Invitational. They finished sixth with 206 points. The girls had 13 events that they competed in. The top finishers included Maddie Stubbs, Kendall Bosch, Amber Schacherer, and Alyssa Williams. The overall sixth place winner was Alyssa Williams, she competed in the 100-yard individual medley.

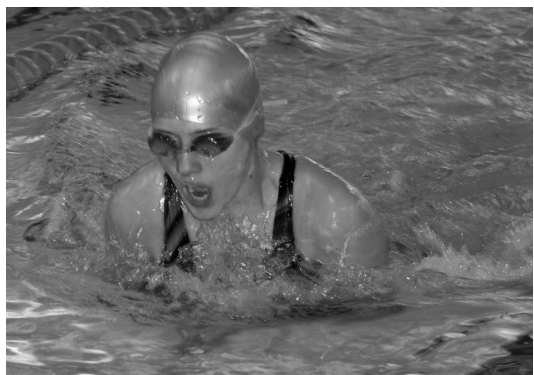
In seventh place were Bosch, Schacherer, Williams, and Stubbs. They competed in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Lastly, the individuals placing in 10th were Schacherer and Erica Carlson.

The Algona Swim Team so far has won against Perry (54 to 40), Charles City (59 to 30), and also

Storm Lake (63 to 31). They placed third at the North Des Moines Polar Bear Invitational.

The varsity swim team girls have been working hard this year and are ranked 39th in the state. They have taken time off every meet, with 10 personal best times at the Storm Lake meet. Nicole Kenne says, "It's fun but it's difficult. We've been getting good points."

There are only three weeks left in the season and the team has many goals they wish to accomplish. The girls' next meet is on October 10th at Storm Lake. Also, if you want to see our girl at State, go to their State swim meet in November. So go give support for the girls and cheer loud for the Bulldogs!



Right: Abigail Strohmman pushes herself in a race.

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## Throw your sparkles in the air!

Tashia Lemus

"The best thing about being in Algona High School Color Guard is performing in front of many people and seeing how much all of our hard work and practice pays off in the end," said Jackie Hutchison. The Algona High School Color Guard is one of the activities at AHS that doesn't get much recognition. The girls work hard and practice at least seven hours a week, inside and outside of school,

from the end of summer until the end of the marching band season, to perfect their routines.

In order to be a part of Algona High School Color Guard, you must first be in band and then you have an opportunity to try out for the color guard.

The Algona High School Color consists of eight girls: Jackie Hutchison, Beth Smith, Haley Dittrich, Jade Simpson, Becca Illg,

Emily Prilipp, Tiffany Long, and Olivia Erpelding. The Algona High School Color Guard is under the direction of Dianne About.

The AHS Color Guard is very important for a visual to go along with the band at AHS. Mr. Kissinger said, "The Color Guard adds a visual to watch while listening to our band. They are very amazing at what they do."

The Color Guard

girls have a tradition where they throw glitter in the air at every event besides State competition.

At Band Days, the AHS Color Guard girls were awarded the auxiliary trophy.

You can watch the amazing Color Guard at any of the home football games, along with the band. You can also catch them at State competition on October 8, 2011, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.



## WiFi

Nick Bitz

Last year, shortly before the middle school students moved into the new middle school, the WiFi was upgraded. The new wireless system, made by Xirrus, uses more powerful directional, or aided, antennas instead of the typical low power omnidirectional - or all around - antenna. This allows for fewer antennas and consequently fewer Internet cable runs.

It also features two separate WiFi connections. The guest, aka PassGuest network, is an Internet only connection with limited network speeds. The Algona-HS-MS network gives a full Internet connection as well as server and printer access.

Recently both wireless and wired Internet connections have been slow. This is be-

cause all of the Internet being passed through the server, which is also distributing MAP testing. "Students can expect better Internet service once all of the MAP testing is done," Mrs. Fonley, the school's technology coordinator, commented.

When senior Aaron Bixby was asked about the WiFi, he responded, "I'd love to use it, if it worked." He was mentioning the problem that devices like iPods have when trying to access the Internet. When Mrs. Fonley was asked about the problem, she said that she didn't know it existed and is looking into it. She also mentioned that the school's Mac products seem to be functioning properly. It just goes to say, you can't fix something if you don't know it's broken.

## MAP testing

Teresa Regehr

As most students know, MAP testing was September 26 through the 30. Students take these tests in Kindergarten through eleventh grade. Students take the reading, written language, science, and math tests.

These tests are used by the district to tell the students' strengths and weaknesses. Most importantly, they are used by teachers to guide instruction for their

students.

Students have been informed about the importance of these tests. Students should take these tests seriously because teachers use them to guide instruction. The more they take it seriously, the more accurate the results are to work with. The majority of the students take these test seriously.

The next MAP testing is done in April 2012.

## Skate crazy

Klint King

So, to straighten this rumor out right away, there is not, repeat there is NOT going to be a skating rink back in Algona.

The owner of the previous skating rink building, Wayne Clegg, said, "I do not plan to build a skating rink, I am building storage."

Some people do not agree with making it into

storage, and they wanted a skating rink so the kids of Algona would have something new and fun to do.

Without the bowling alley and skating rink, it has kids in Algona searching for alternative ways to have fun. Looks like kids from Algona will have to drive 46 miles round trip to go bowling or skating.